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President Jacobo Arbenz resigned June 27 under pressure continued air attack and ground successes Guatemalan anti-- communist rebels under Col Carlos Castillo Armas, who controlled several towns eastern Guatemala including Chiquimula on rail line to El Salvador. Arbenz turned govt over to his Chief of Armed Forces, Col. Carlos Diaz, who outlawed Communist party but endorsed Arbenz regime in initial speech to nation and promised continue fight against Castillo. Castillo forces continued attacks and Diaz was replaced June 29 by Col. Elfego Monzon, Army officer who has held obscure cabinet post of minister without portfolio since 1950 when as Minister Interior he was censured and forced resign by pro-Communist Congress for attempting close Communist newspaper and indoctrination school in conformity constitutional article prohibiting political organizations of international or foreign character.

Monzon doing everything possible against communists in Guatemala including jailing them while releasing hundreds anti-communist political prisoners previous regime; and is scheduled meet Castillo Armas San Salvador 4 p.m. local time today to arrange cessation hostilities and presumably discuss formation anti-communist government which can be supported by non-communist

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Guatemalan Army and by Castillo forces.

While situation Guatemala remains confused many respects pending settlement between Monzon and Castillo, now appears definite that communist influence that country is being rooted out energetically and that government sharing aims rest of free world will replace system which gave increasingly important help Sovie cause during past nine years.

Inter-American Peace Committee left Washington in USAF MATS plane for Central America to examine Guatemala-Honduras-Nicaragua, charges, counter-charges and views respective governments with regard thereto, and arrived last night at Mexico City, where Committee awaits developments in Guatemala before proceeding.

If foregoing not used until next week's meeting, advise if you need more current data.

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